



By the Lords Justices, A P R O C L A M A T I O N

For Apprehending and Securing the Person of *John Robart*.

Tho. Cantuar. J. Sommers C. S. Pembroke C. P. S. Shrewsbury, Dorset, Godolphin.



Whereas Information was given to his Majesty, That by the Examinations upon Oath of several Persons taken before a Committee of both Houses of Parliament, touching the Unlawful and Indirect Giving, Receiving and Disposing of Great Sums of Money, for Procuring Charters for the East India Company, and otherwise relating to that Company, it appeared that John Robart was not only Concerned in the Receipt, but was also able to give Evidence of the Disposal and Application of Part of the said Money: Yet to avoid Justice, and the Manifestation of the Truth, he, the said John Robart had withdrawn himself from his usual Place of Habitation, and Absconded, intending to make his Escape into Parts beyond the Seas; and his Majesty did thereupon, and upon the humble Address of the Lords Spiritual and Temporal in Parliament Assembled, Issue forth his Royal Proclamation bearing Date the Ninth Day of May last, for Securing the Person of the said John Robart. And whereas Information has been given upon Oath, That since the said Proclamation Issued, the said John Robart hath been several times of late seen in and about the Cities of London and Westminster. We have therefore thought fit, by the Advice of his Majesties most honourable Privy Council, to Issue this Proclamation, hereby Commanding and Requiring all his Majesties Loving Subjects whatsoever, to Discover and Apprehend the said John Robart, who is a Middle Sized Man, of a Swarthy Complexion, Aged about Forty Years, wears a Periwig, and is a Foreigner, as may be discovered by his Speech; and to cause the said John Robart to be Discovered and Apprehended, and to carry him before some of his Majesties Justices of the Peace, or Chief Magistrate of the County, Town or Place where he shall be Apprehended, who are respectively Required to Secure him, and thereof to give speedy Notice unto his Majesties Privy Council, or one of the Principal Secretaries of State, to the end he may be forth coming, to be dealt withal and proceeded against according to Law. And for Prevention of the said John Robarts Escape into Parts beyond the Seas, We do Require and Command all his Majesties Officers of the Customs, and other his Officers and Subjects of and in the respective Ports, Maritime Towns and Places within the Kingdom of England, Dominion of Wales, and Town of Berwick upon Tweed, that they and every of them, in their respective Places and Stations, be careful and diligent in the Examination of all Persons that shall pass or endeavour to pass beyond the Seas; and if they shall discover the said John Robart, then to cause him to be Apprehended and Secured, and to give notice thereof, as aforesaid. And for the Encouragement of all Persons to be diligent and careful in endeavouring to Discover and Apprehend the said John Robart, We do hereby further Declare, That whosoever shall Discover and Apprehend the said John Robart, and shall bring him before some Justice of Peace or Chief Magistrate, as aforesaid, shall have and Receive as a Reward the Sum of Two hundred Pounds; which said Sum of Two hundred Pounds, the Lords Commissioners of his Majesties Treasury are hereby Required and Directed to pay accordingly. And We do hereby strictly Charge and Command all his Majesties Loving Subjects, as they will answer the contrary at their Perils, that they do not any Ways Conceal, but Discover the said John Robart, to the end he may be Secured and proceeded against according to Law.

Given at the Council-Chamber at *Whitehall*, the Fifteenth Day of *August*, 1695. In the Seventh Year of His Majesties Reign.

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